

# Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program Funded Projects – 2003



The Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, Arizona, has received cost-share funds toward the preservation and rehabilitation of the concrete wigwams and neon sign. Photograph courtesy of Carolyn Hasenfratz.

## Arizona

**Project:** Wigwam Motel Preservation/Rehabilitation  
**Recipient:** Private owner  
**Amount:** \$7,405 NPS, \$7,405 match

The owner of the 1950 Wigwam Motel in Holbrook, Arizona, has been awarded funds for preservation and rehabilitation work on the concrete wigwams, and the motel's neon sign. The motel, operated by the family who built it in 1950, closed in the 1970s, but has been re-opened since 1988. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003. The motel is one of seven wigwam villages built throughout the U.S. between the 1930s-1950s. Three of the seven remain today, two of which are located on Route 66.



Cost-share funds have been provided to the University of Arizona to help support the educational dramatic production of *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*.

**Project:** Live Theatre Production and Tour  
**Recipient:** Northern Arizona University  
**Amount:** \$5,000 NPS, \$5,000 match

The Northern Arizona University Department of Theatre has been awarded funds to help promote and support the touring dramatic production, *Route 66: A Celebration of America's Main Street*. The production is an interpretive and educational venue that celebrates the experience of travel during the heyday of Route 66, tells the highway's history, and examines its historical and cultural significance in American history.



The Pig-Hip Restaurant will have its roof replaced and the furnace repaired.

## Illinois

**Project:** Pig-Hip Restaurant Roof Replacement and Furnace Repair  
**Recipient:** Illinois Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$5,165 NPS, \$5,175 match

The Illinois Route 66 Association has been awarded funds to replace the roof and repair the furnace of the Pig-Hip Restaurant in Broadwell, Illinois. The Pig-Hip first opened for business in 1937, and served its famous brisket sandwiches until the restaurant closed in 1991. The association is working with the original owner, who has plans to operate the building as a visitor center.

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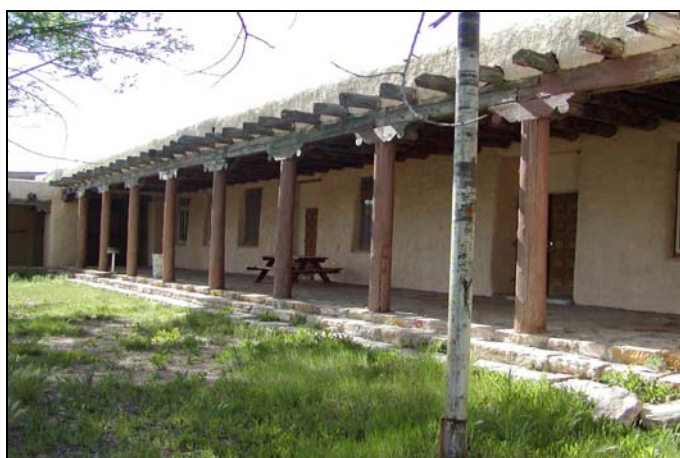


Cost-share funds have been provided to produce architectural drawings, and to replace the damaged roof of the Eagle Hotel in Wilmington, Illinois.

### Illinois (continued)

**Project:** Eagle Hotel Roof Repair  
Replacement  
**Recipient:** Historic Eagle Corporation  
**Amount:** \$9,800 NPS, \$9,800 match

The Historic Eagle Corporation has been provided with funds to replace the damaged roof of the Eagle Hotel in Wilmington, Illinois. The 19<sup>th</sup> century hotel served as a restaurant, boarding house, and sporting goods store during Route 66's period of significance. These efforts are part of a larger rehabilitation project, which will return the building into service as a hotel. The hotel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1994.



The City of Tucumcari will receive funds to implement emergency stabilization work at the Metropolitan Bath house five miles to the west of Tucumcari, New Mexico.

### New Mexico

**Project:** Metropolitan Park Bathhouse  
**Recipient:** City of Tucumcari  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match

The City of Tucumcari, New Mexico has been awarded cost-share funds for emergency stabilization work on the Metropolitan Park bathhouse. Built in 1940 by the Civilian Conservation Corps, the park contained a pool, bathhouse, playground, and camping facilities. The park is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The city's long term plans are to open the bathhouse as a historic site to benefit both the local community and the traveling public



The original wood shake roof of the EL Rancho Hotel in Gallup, New Mexico will be repaired.

**Project:** El Rancho Hotel Roof Repair  
**Recipient:** Private owner  
**Amount:** \$15,000 NPS, \$15,000 match

The owner of the El Rancho Hotel in Gallup, New Mexico, will receive funds to repair and seal the motel's original wood shake roof. Opened in 1937, the hotel has served as a destination spot for coast-to-coast travelers, movie producers, movie stars, and Indian arts collectors. The hotel is still a thriving business on Route 66 today, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Funds are being provided to prepare a preservation plan for the Pecos theatre in Santa Rosa, New Mexico.

### New Mexico (continued)

**Project:** Pecos Theatre Preservation Plan  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$5,000 NPS, \$5,000 match

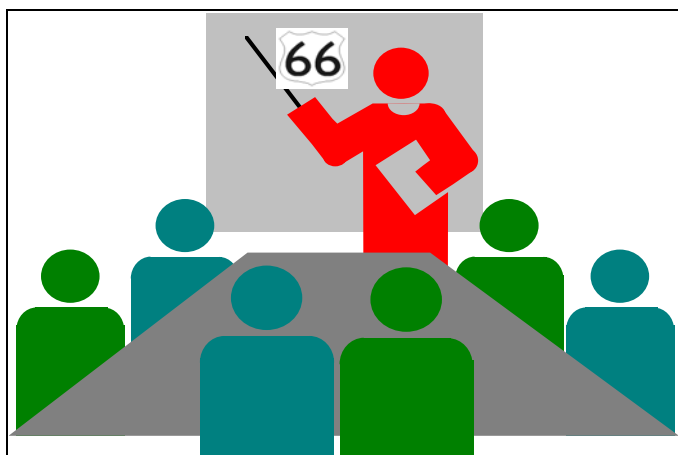
The New Mexico Route 66 Association will administer the production of a preservation plan for the historic Pecos Theatre in Santa Rosa, New Mexico. The report will document the historic structure, analyze its character and condition, and provide guidance for its rehabilitation and long-term preservation. The report will specifically address hydrological problems, and make recommendations on returning the exterior façade to its original configuration. The theatre was constructed in the 1920s, and still serves as a vital cultural center.



The El Rey Theatre marquee in Albuquerque, New Mexico will be restored to operating condition. Photo courtesy of the New Mexico Route 66 Association.

**Project:** El Rey Theatre Marquee Restoration  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$3,000 NPS, \$3,000 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association has been awarded cost-share funds to restore the neon marquee of the El Rey Theatre in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Built in 1941, the theatre still serves as an entertainment venue, and is listed on the New Mexico State Registry of Cultural Properties. Once restored, the marquee will return to service as a neon landmark on Albuquerque's Route 66.

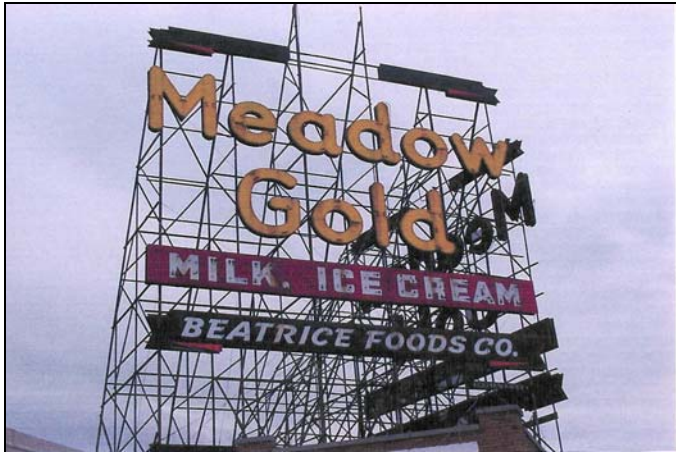


An oral history training project will train workshop attendees in effective interview strategies, research for, and conservation of Route 66 oral histories.

**Project:** Route 66 Oral History Project – Phase II  
**Recipient:** New Mexico Route 66 Association  
**Amount:** \$17,780 NPS, \$17,915 match

The New Mexico Route 66 Association in partnership with the University Of New Mexico Department Of English is working to develop an oral history program for the eight states through which Route 66 passes. During Phase I of the project, workshops were conducted in seven states to train attendees in oral history interviews, collections, and management. In Phase II, the project will provide follow-up technical assistance, locate and catalog existing interviews, preserve select, endangered interviews, and develop an oral history collection guide.

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The prominent Meadow Gold neon sign in Tulsa, Oklahoma will be restored to operating condition.

### Oklahoma

**Project:** Meadow Gold Neon Sign  
**Recipient:** Tulsa Foundation for Architecture  
**Amount:** \$15,000 NPS, \$15,000 match

The Tulsa Foundation for Architecture will administer the restoration of the Meadow Gold neon sign in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Built in the mid-1930s, the sign has served as a prominent neon landmark for Route 66 travelers for decades. The Foundation plans to restore the sign to operating condition, so that it may once again contribute to the neon landscape of Tulsa.



The Phillips 66 filling station in Chandler, Oklahoma will be restored to its 1930s appearance.

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**Project:** Phillips 66 Filling Station Restoration  
**Recipient:** Private owner  
**Amount:** \$27,600 NPS, \$27,600 match

The owner of a historic Phillips 66 gas station in Chandler, Oklahoma, has been awarded cost-share funds to restore the station to its 1930s appearance. The station originally opened for business in 1930, and operated as a gas station on Route 66 until 1992. When restoration is completed, the building will serve as a visitor center for Route 66 travelers.



The windows and doors of this 1929 commercial building on Route 66 will be restored to their historic appearance.

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**Project:** Roger Miller Museum Window and Door Restoration  
**Recipient:** Roger Miller Museum  
**Amount:** \$10,000 NPS, \$10,000 match

The Roger Miller Museum will restore the windows and doors of the Roger Miller Museum building, located on Route 66 in Erick, Oklahoma. The 1929 building originally served as a café, soda shop, and pharmacy during the route's period of significance. The museum will honor Erick native Roger Miller, a singer known in part for the song "King of the Road."

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The Oasis Drive-In palm tree sign and building in El Reno, Oklahoma will be rehabilitated using cost-share funds.

### Oklahoma (continued)

**Project:** Oasis Drive-In Rehabilitation

**Recipient:** Preservation El Reno, Inc.

**Amount:** \$4,125 NPS, \$4,125 match

Preservation El Reno, Inc., will rehabilitate the metal palm tree sign and the extant building exterior of the Oasis Drive-In Restaurant in El Reno, Oklahoma. Built in the 1950s, the drive-in is known for having served 5 cent burgers and sodas. The site still stands as a prominent landmark at the east entrance of El Reno.